



ASK EPA !!

Questions and Answers

about Asbestos and EPA's Investigation

Q : Why is EPA going to demolish a building downtown?

A : A contaminated building on West 2nd Street between Tony's Muffler and Tire and Epperson Mountaineering must be taken down because the building is structurally unsound. It can not be cleaned safely and can not be demolished safely by untrained crews, therefore EPA will do this work.

The demolition is scheduled to begin mid-June 2005. The demolition and subsequent cleanup is estimated to take two weeks. During the work, part of 2nd Street between Mineral and California will be closed. A portion of the alley between 2nd and 3rd streets between Mineral and California will also be closed.

EPA will work closely with business owners and others who may be affected by these temporary road closures.

The building will be taken down and water will be used to suppress dust. EPA will do extensive monitoring around the site to ensure that the demolition does not result in contamination leaving the site. If contamination is detected on the perimeter of the site, then the surrounding areas will be evaluated to determine if those areas were impacted by the demolition activities. If they are contaminated, they will be cleaned as appropriate. For more detail, please refer to the demolition air monitoring plan which is available in the EPA Information Center at 501 Mineral Ave.

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